

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

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NEW HOURS SET FOR COUNTY LOCAL ASSISTANCE CENTERS

LACs in Alpine, Ramona and Valley Center to be Open on Veteran's Day Holiday

After being open every day since early November, new hours have been set for the three County Local Assistance Centers in Alpine, Ramona and Valley Center.

Starting Wednesday, Nov. 12, the new hours are: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, and closed Sunday.

All three LACs will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Veteran's Day, Tuesday, Nov. 11, although most other County offices will be closed.

The first LAC, in Alpine, opened on Nov. 1; the second, in Ramona, on Nov. 2 and the Valley Center LAC on Nov. 4. Since then, thousands of property owners have sought help at the one-stop shops, where representatives from County offices, American Red Cross, state Office of Emergency Services, Small Business Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Property Tax Reduction, and more are on hand to help people affected by the recent wildfires get their lives back in order.

To date, a total of 2,852 individuals and families have been served at the three LACs, based on registrations with FEMA. Fourteen hundred have been helped at the Alpine LAC, 1,030 at the Ramona LAC, and 422 at Valley Center. The total reflects individuals and families who lost vehicles, mobile homes, and outbuildings in addition to the 2,470 single-family detached homes that were lost.

The LAC locations are:

- Alpine: 1347 Tavern Rd., Suite 30 (Alpine Creek Shopping Center)
- Ramona: 325 Sixth St. (old post office)
- Valley Center: 28565 Cole Grade Rd.

The centers will be open indefinitely.

For more information, please call the County Fire Recovery Hotline, (858) 495-5494.